



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH BALBOA VILLAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Action Meeting Minutes

ExplorOcean, 600 East Bay Avenue

Wednesday, January 9, 2013 - 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

I. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Henn, Council Member, convened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. All committee members were present with the exception of Gloria Oakes, with an excused absence. Keith Curry, Mayor, left the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

The following City staff members were in attendance: Kimberly Brandt, Community Development Director; Brenda Wisneski, Deputy Community Development Director; Tony Brine, City Traffic Engineer; Fern Nueno, Associate Planner.

II. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items

Howard Hall, Balboa resident, noted his concerns on the Residential Parking Permit Program (RPPP). He specifically addressed the survey handed out to the residents, which residents are affected by the commercial parking overflow (as opposed to residents and beach parking), and the cards handed out by Jim Stratton.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Keith Curry, seconded by Ralph Rodheim to approve the December 13, 2012 meeting minutes. There were no public comments on this item. The motion was approved unanimously (6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent).

IV. Commercial Parking Management Program

Ms. Nueno provided an overview of the Commercial Parking Management Program summarizing each of the parking strategies.

The Committee discussed the program, parking studies, seasonal parking issues, and other related issues.

Public comments included a discussion of the existing parking districts; validity of the Walker Study; Coastal Commission review of the employee parking program in the tidelands; wayfinding; parking issues with long term development and mixed-use properties; parking deficiency; fisherman, Catalina Flyer, and other passenger boats and their impacts to the waterfront; and the potential funds from the Parking Benefit District.

Motion by Mr. Curry, seconded by Mr. Pollack to forward the Work Program to City Council authorizing implementation. The motion was approved unanimously (6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent).

V. 2013 Work Program Schedule

Ms. Wisneski presented the details of the Work Program Schedule including the timing for BVAC, Planning Commission, and City Council review of each strategy.

The Committee discussed the schedule and made suggestions regarding grouping of certain strategies and revising certain timeframes. After Committee discussion and public comment, the schedule was revised to move items forward that could be accomplished without the results of the data collection and field surveys. Other items were moved further back to ensure enough time was provided for each action, while still meeting the goals for 2013.

A subcommittee will be established at the next meeting for a parking working group, and that group will weigh in on the parking consultant's work prior to the entire BVAC review.

Maintenance of the area was discussed and the Municipal Operations Director, Mark Harmon, will be at future BVAC meetings to further delve into the strategies. The Committee and members of the public discussed the Business Improvement District, special events including ice skating rink and horse drawn carriage rides in time for the 2013 boat parade, and the facade improvement program.

Motion by Mr. Rodheim, seconded by Mr. Pollack to confirm the Work Program Schedule and forward to City Council. The motion was approved unanimously (6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent).

VI. Commercial Façade Subcommittee

The Committee sought to establish a subcommittee to work on the facade improvement program. Mr. Rodheim and Ms. Keene volunteered to be on the subcommittee. It was also suggested that Ms. Oakes sit on the subcommittee, provided she accepts this assignment. Motion by Mr. Stratton, seconded by Mr. Pollack to appoint Mr. Rodheim, Ms. Keene, and Ms. Oakes (if amenable) to the Commercial Façade Subcommittee. The motion was approved unanimously (6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent).

VII. Public Comment

Mr. Stratton mentioned the mooring owners concern regarding the red curb that is used for loading and unloading. Mr. Brine will work towards having the curb painted yellow or green instead.

Mr. Stratton suggested the Bay Island residents sharing the parking structure instead of each spot being allotted. Mr. Henn stated that the working group can work on this issue.

Rita Stenlund discussed the Nautical Museum camp programs and the need for a drop off/pick up zone. Mr. Brine suggested that the Museum obtain a Temporary Street Closure permit and confirmed that each event will require separate review and approval from the Public Works Department.

W. R. (Bill) Dildine discussed bicycle parking and it was noted that bicycles are within the 2014 strategies.

Ms. Keane mentioned that she and several other nearby residents would like the ability to purchase a parking permit for the Palm Street parking lot and meters in Balboa Village. She mentioned that the ease of parking and quickly running into a store on the way home would allow more residents to shop in the area instead of shopping areas further away with more convenient parking lots.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Henn adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.